

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasushi NOGUCHI et al.

Application No.: New U.S. National Stage of  
PCT/JP03/03082

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Docket No.: 120882

For: POROUS HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims;**Remarks.**